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WyAA 2020 Arts and Culture Survey Responses

What arts and cultural activities have you and your family members attended, participated in, or supported in the past year?

* Theatre, Music, Film/Media, Visual Arts

Considering your own personal background and education, what arts or cultural classes, programs or activities did you participate in?

* Instrumental Music, Theatre, Film/Photography, Vocal Music

What role do you believe Wyoming and/or local government should play in supporting arts, culture and the humanities to enhance economic and community development?

* First, I do not believe schools should cut music/arts programs first when they have to cut budgets. It is an important part of a child's development cognitively and culturally. Second, art and culture is a huge part of society. It can improve tourism, help not only economically with ticket sales and bringing customers to local businesses, but can increase employment as well by creating jobs at theaters and other event venues. We need to support and promote the arts.

What role do you believe Wyoming and/or local government should play in supporting arts and culture to provide a comprehensive education for Wyoming K-12 students?

* The arts, whether it is music or visual, can increase intelligence and creativity. It is an important part of a child's development. I was very involved in music when I was in school as well as theater. We should not cut it out of the school experience. I am dismayed it has been cut at so many elementary schools. This means so many students will miss out on band and orchestra.

What role do you believe Wyoming and/or local government should play in supporting arts and culture, diversifying the local economy, and enhancing quality of life?

* I am for actually bringing ideas for diversification of the economy to the table. Supporting performing arts could aid in this by increasing jobs at local venues and increasing sales for local businesses. If I were elected as a government official I would like to see an increase in our local cultural events. This helps to bring communities together.

Rate your level of support for a local-option sales or property tax to support cultural activities and development.

* Neither Unsupportive nor Supportive

Rate your level of support for expanding the lodging tax to support cultural activities and development.

* Neither Unsupportive nor Supportive

According to Americans for the Arts, statewide cultural district programs have been established in 14 states and more states are considering implementation of such policies. Rate your level of support for local cultural districts, funded by an expanded lodging, property or sales tax.

* Neither Unsupportive nor Supportive